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In re Application of:

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For: METHOD OF INHIBITING A CHAPERONE
PROTEIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 2, please insert the following paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS

This patent application is the U.S. National Phase of PCT/US00/06482 filed on March 10, 2000, which claims priority to U.S. provisional patent application no. 60/124,135 filed on March 12, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace the indicated claims with:

14. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the chaperone protein is in a cell and cellular proliferation is inhibited.

15. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the client protein is hepatitis B virus reverse transcriptase.

18. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the client protein is a steroid hormone receptor.